

Community report

Meander Valley (M)

Prepared from Community Explorer topic selections for briefing, planning and reporting use.

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Meander Valley (M)

COMPARISON

Regional Tas.

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Language used at home

Sources and method

- Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021 and, where available, 2016 comparison data.
- Percentages are calculated from the denominator supplied for each topic. Change (pp) is the 2021 percentage minus the 2016 percentage when the topic is comparable across years.
- Usual residence topics describe where people usually live, rather than where they were counted on Census night.

Language used at home

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Key takeaway

In 2021, English was the most common language used at home among residents in Meander Valley (M), accounting for 91.6% (18,946 people). This share was higher than Regional Tas. (88.9%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in English, which increased by 1,355 people and 0.3 percentage points.

About this topic

Language used at home shows which languages people speak in their home life and whether English or another language is used most often. It is a key indicator of cultural diversity and language retention within communities.

This topic is useful for planning communication, multicultural services, and local engagement. It should be analysed together with proficiency in English and birthplace, because language alone does not show migration history or support needs.

Interpretation notes

- The Census records the language used most often at home, so it does not capture every language a person can speak.
- Language used at home is not a measure of English proficiency, literacy, or migration history on its own.

Language used at home - Ranked by size

Meander Valley (M) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	pp
Inadequately described	16	0.1%	0.1%	19	0.1%	0.0%	-3	0.0
Non-verbal, so described	10	0.0%	0.0%	11	0.1%	0.1%	-1	-0.1
Swiss, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Creole, nfd	4	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Spanish Creole, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	—	—	—
Pidgin, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Gaelic (Scotland)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Irish	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
Welsh	—	—	0.0%	—	—	0.0%	—	—
English	18,946	91.6%	88.9%	17,591	91.3%	89.8%	+1,355	+0.3
German	31	0.1%	0.2%	38	0.2%	0.3%	-7	-0.1
Yiddish	—	—	—	—	—	0.0%	—	—

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
Dutch	19	0.1%	0.1%	31	0.2%	
Frisian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Afrikaans	20	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	
Danish	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Icelandic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norwegian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swedish	9	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Estonian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Finnish	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
French	17	0.1%	0.1%	23	0.1%	
Greek	4	0.0%	0.1%	6	0.0%	
Portuguese	3	0.0%	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Spanish	16	0.1%	0.2%	–	–	
Italian	34	0.2%	0.1%	52	0.3%	
Maltese	–	–	0.0%	4	0.0%	
Latin	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Eastern European Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Latvian	–	–	0.0%	5	0.0%	
Lithuanian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hungarian	6	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Russian	23	0.1%	0.1%	23	0.1%	
Ukrainian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bosnian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bulgarian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
Croatian	3	0.0%	0.0%	9	0.0%	
Macedonian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Serbian	9	0.0%	0.0%	6	0.0%	
Slovene	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Czech	12	0.1%	0.0%	13	0.1%	
Polish	8	0.0%	0.1%	14	0.1%	
Slovak	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Albanian	—	—	—	—	—	
Romanian	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Kurdish	—	—	—	—	—	
Pashto	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Dari	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Persian (excluding Dari)	17	0.1%	0.1%	4	0.0%	
Hazaraghi	8	0.0%	0.1%	—	—	
Arabic	14	0.1%	0.1%	15	0.1%	
Hebrew	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Mandaean (Mandaic)	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Turkish	3	0.0%	0.0%	—	—	
Armenian	—	—	—	—	—	
Southern Asian Languages, nfd	—	—	0.0%	—	—	
Kannada	—	—	0.0%	—	—	

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	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
Malayalam	21	0.1%	0.1%	3	0.0%	
Tamil	10	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Telugu	10	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Indo-Aryan, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Bengali	11	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Gujarati	4	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Hindi	19	0.1%	0.1%	17	0.1%	
Marathi	3	0.0%	0.0%	7	0.0%	
Nepali	51	0.2%	0.9%	5	0.0%	
Punjabi	20	0.1%	0.2%	–	–	
Sindhi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sinhalese	16	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	
Urdu	23	0.1%	0.2%	23	0.1%	
Assamese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Kashmiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oriya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indo-Aryan, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Southern Asian Languages	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Chin Haka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Zomi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Burmese and Related Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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Hmong	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Khmer	5	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Vietnamese	13	0.1%	0.1%	5	0.0%	
Mon-Khmer, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Lao	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Thai	3	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bisaya	4	0.0%	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Cebuano	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Ilokano	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Indonesian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Malay	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Tetum	80	0.4%	0.0%	–	–	
Timorese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tagalog	44	0.2%	0.1%	32	0.2%	
Filipino	17	0.1%	0.1%	7	0.0%	
Balinese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Ilonggo (Hiligaynon)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Chinese, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Cantonese	20	0.1%	0.1%	16	0.1%	
Hakka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Mandarin	62	0.3%	0.6%	26	0.1%	

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Wu	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Min Nan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Japanese	19	0.1%	0.1%	11	0.1%	
Korean	11	0.1%	0.1%	8	0.0%	
Tibetan	–	–	–	–	–	
Mongolian	–	–	–	–	–	
Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Warlpiri	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bardi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Other Australian Indigenous Languages, nec	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
African Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Acholi	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Akan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Oromo	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Shona	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Swahili	6	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Yoruba	11	0.1%	0.0%	–	–	
Amharic	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Bemba	–	–	–	–	–	
Dinka	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Hausa	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Igbo	3	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Krio	–	–	0.0%	–	–	

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	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
Luganda	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Nuer	–	–	–	–	–	
Tigrinya	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Liberian (Liberian English)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Madi	8	0.0%	0.0%	–	–	
Mandinka	–	–	–	–	–	
African Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Fijian	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Gilbertese	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Maori (Cook Island)	–	–	–	–	–	
Maori (New Zealand)	–	–	0.0%	3	0.0%	
Niue	–	–	–	–	–	
Samoan	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tongan	12	0.1%	0.1%	–	–	
Rotuman	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	
Bislama	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Norfolk-Pitcairn	–	–	–	–	–	
Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nfd	–	–	–	–	–	
Motu (HiriMotu)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Papua New Guinea Languages, nec	–	–	–	–	–	

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Regional Tas. %	Count	%	Regiona
Invented Languages	–	–	–	–	–	
Sign Languages, nfd	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Auslan	7	0.0%	0.1%	–	–	
Key Word Sign Australia	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Sign Languages, nec	–	–	0.0%	–	–	
Not stated	910	4.4%	5.6%	1,196	6.2%	
Total	20,689	100.0%	100.0%	19,264	100.0%	100.0%

Excludes languages spoken at home by fewer than 10 people.

Data basis: usual residence.